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In re application of:

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Livshits et al.

Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 09/466,935

Examiner: Steadman

Filing Date: December 20, 1999

Attorney Ref. No.: US-1260

For: NOVEL GENE AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Non-fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response for filing the Response to the Official Action mailed May 4, 2004, one month(s) to September 7, 2004.

The period for response has previously been extended to

Please charge our deposit account 50-3077 the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

  
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